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SUBJ: MBFR: DISCUSSION WITH SOVIET REPS JAN 17, 1974

1. DURING SOCIAL GATHERING JANUARY 17 WITH KHLESTOV, SMIRNOVSKY AND KVITSINSKIY OF WHICH OTHER DETAILS REPORTED SEPTEL, US REP MENTIONED ON SAME LINES USED BY US DEPREP PREVIOUS DAY (VIENNA 0437) PROBABLE ALLIED INTENTION TO BRING UP WITH SOVIETS IN NEAR FUTURE POSSIBILITY OF PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENT TO BEGIN EAST-WEST DIALOGUE WITH DISCUSSION OF US/SOVIET GROUND FORCES. SOVIET REPS APPEARED RECEPTIVE, BUT MAIN FOCUS OF THEIR QUESTIONS WAS ON POSSIBLE ALLIED STATEMENTS WITH REGARD TO PARTICULAR AREAS OF SOVIET INTEREST TO JUSTIFY POSSIBLE SELF-RESTRAINT ON THEIR PART WITH REGARD TO THESE TOPICS. US REP SAID HE COULD GIVE NO DETAILS. ALLIED REPS MIGHT PROVIDE THESE WITHIN WEEK OR 10 DAYS. US REP WARNED SOVIETS NOT TO EXPECT TOO MUCH SINCE ALLIED WOULD NOT BE ASKING MUCH OF THEM.

2. WY FELT IT DESIRABLE TO ACQUAINT SOVIETS WITH GENERAL IDEA OF PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENT IN ADVANCE OF JOINT PRESENTATION BY ALLIES IN ORDER TO WARM THEM UP TO GENERAL CONCEPT, BUT WITHOUT REVEALING ANY DETAILS OF FORMULATIONS WHICH WILL BE ADVANCED
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BY ALLIED REPS JOINTLY.HUMES

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